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SUBJECT: PRESS DISCUSSION RE PRC DURING SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT

REF: STATE 073124 (BEING REPEATED TO TOKYO)

1. DISCUSSED REFTEL POINTS WITH SECRETARY BUTZ WHO READILY AGREED TO MINIMIZE ALL BUT FACTUAL STATEMENTS REGARDING PRC.
2. ONLY PRC RELATED QUESTION PUT TO SECRETARY DURING HIS APRIL 13 PRESS CONFERENCE IN TAIPEI CONCERNED PROSPECT OF US/PRC TRADE. HE REPLIED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE THIS IS A HARD THING TO PREDICT. IN THE CURRENT YEAR OUR SALES TO MAINLAND CHINA ARE \$1.2 BILLION, MAINLY WHEAT AND COTTON. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE IS VERY HARD TO PREDICT BUT MAINLAND CHINA HAS BEEN BUYING WHEAT IN THE WORLD MARKETS FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. END QUOTE
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